

## GUNS DRAWN IN DRY RAID OFF BROADWAY

Waiters and Patrons Turn  
on Agents in Three Kings  
Restaurant.

## THREE ARE LOCKED UP

Women Accompany Sleuths  
on Trip Through the  
Theatre District.

## EVERY PLACE FOUND WET

Proprietor of the Roma and a  
Waiter Are Among the  
Prisoners.

Revolvers were drawn by a squad of prohibition agents before they could make their arrests in one of several suspected restaurants in the theatre district which were raided Saturday night and early yesterday morning. The squad, composed of Agents Wittenberg, Kerrigan and Topitz, accompanied by three women friends, went out in evening dress with the special purpose of cleaning up Broadway retreats of the thirsty.

They visited the Three Kings restaurant in 126 West Forty-first street shortly after midnight, while its two large rooms were crowded with after theatre patrons. This restaurant, according to the agents who made the raid, has enjoyed some of the best "speak easy" trade in the city.

To obtain entrance, they say, it was necessary to be provided with the business card of the establishment with the name "Joseph" written on it. This passed the bar and his friends through a gate in the basement, where a lookout was stationed. Then the word "Joseph" had to be repeated again to be ushered upstairs into the dining room. Agent Wittenberg says he went through this formula, accompanied by Kerrigan and their guests, while Topitz and the other member of the party remained outside. When they were seated at a table, the agents says, they ordered three drinks—two Scotch whiskeys and a ginger ale highball. Everywhere about their drinks were being served.

There was sudden confusion in the restaurant when the two men jumped up and announced that they were prohibition agents. They charged toward the three of the waiters jumped for them and tried to rough them, and that some patrons joined in the mixup. Wittenberg and Kerrigan were forced to pull their guns. The former ran downstairs and brought Topitz in, and then the three agents quitted the crowd.

Many left the place in a hurry. There was a sudden dash in West Forty-first street, and the word spread quickly that raiding was going on in the theatre district. The agents made no more arrests in that section, but in the Three Kings they took into custody Joseph M. Dragoni, the manager, on a charge of possession and of maintaining a nuisance, and David J. Prior and John Deser, waiters, charged with selling. The three were locked up in the West Thirtieth street station.

A little earlier in the evening the same squad visited the Roma, in 878 Sixth avenue. There they began talking football, and then turned the conversation to whiskeys and ginger ale highballs. These, they say, were not only brought to them, but entered on their check. At the Roma they arrested Albert E. Cassell, the proprietor, and Joseph San Pedro, a waiter. They also were locked up in the West Thirtieth street station.

After they left the Three Kings, the agents went east and raided cafes at Forty-first street and Third avenue, 115 First avenue, 273 Third avenue, and the rear of an army and navy goods store at Fifty-ninth street and Third avenue, making arrests in each place.

The Red Star Inn, Larchmont, in yesterday from Antwerp and Southampton, was subjected to an unusually thorough overhauling by the recently enlarged searching squad of customs men, whose specialty is finding smuggled liquor. They visited the rooms of the ship and officers, as well as the berths of the seamen, stewards and the engineering and fireroom force, but it was said later, did not uncover much booze.

## ALCOHOL BAN FOUGHT BY CHEMICAL SOCIETY

Restrictions Declared Harmful  
to Certain Industries.

The American Chemical Society has taken up the cudgels against hampering restrictions on the exportation of industrial alcohol by prohibition authorities, according to Dr. B. R. Tunison, secretary of the industrial alcohol committee of the society. Dr. Tunison declared "lawful" business which, he said, chemical is finding it impossible to function properly under the present system of prohibition enforcement.

The society was invited to send a representative to a hearing called for tomorrow on the export alcohol situation by Prohibition Commissioner Haynes. Dr. Tunison said the committee would not attend the conference, but would await the outcome of the meeting before taking action.

"We will combat any law or regulation which interferes with the lawful establishment and extension of chemical industry, regardless of whether alcohol or water is involved," he said.

Dr. Tunison said Prohibition Director Yellowley recently had held up a shipment of 150 barrels of alcohol to "Tunison" on the ground there was no proof the alcohol was not to be used for beverage purposes, and the shipper had to make a hurried trip to Washington to get the shipment released, while the heat was held up in the meantime. Foreign buyers, it is pointed out, will not tolerate such restrictions and will purchase elsewhere.

## SALOON MEN BUYING MANY DRUG STORES

600 New Places Opened in  
City Last Year, Say Federal  
Agents.

## PHARMACISTS COMPLAIN

Newcomers Cut Rates on Sundries  
to Attract Trade and  
Get Liquor Easily.

Since prohibition one-third of the drug stores in Brooklyn have changed owners and most of the new proprietors are former saloonkeepers. This is the estimate of Ch. H. Helmerstein, secretary of the Kings County Pharmaceutical Society, who has been a druggist for twenty-five years. Mr. Helmerstein said that in the last six months the number of saloons have been for drug stores. He asserted:

"Ex-saloonkeepers have invaded the drug store field. They are supplying the capital and have a drug clerk as their chief aid. I regard them as a menace and a disgrace to the profession. They are not concerned with medicine. Established druggists have a hard time to get a small quantity of alcohol for legitimate purposes, but some of these newcomers start right in with a good supply, and they don't seem to have much difficulty in getting it replenished."

Federal agents estimate that 600 new drug stores have been established in New York city in the last year. The Kings County Pharmaceutical Society has opposed the law permitting drug stores to dispense liquor. Dr. William C. Anderson, chairman of the society's legislative committee, has urged that physicians issuing liquor prescriptions should be required to indicate the name of the druggist who is to fill them, and that druggists should be permitted to fill only those prescriptions carrying their names.

The New York State pharmacy law does not require that a drug store owner be a registered pharmacist, so that it is not difficult for persons with bootlegging intentions to obtain stores. But they must have a registered pharmacist on duty during certain hours.

The drug store which has the trade in liquor as its reason for existence, according to Mr. Helmerstein, sells sundries at cut rate prices and attracts a large trade. Customers soon learn that not all the sources of liquor have been dried up. Profits have been so large that owners have been willing to risk fines.

A retail druggist is entitled to an "I" permit from the prohibition authorities, which enables him to obtain with a withdrawal of 400 gallons of distilled liquor and 400 gallons of wine in one year through legitimate channels. There are now about 3,000 of these "I" permits in effect in New York city.

Peter Diamond, secretary of the committee on prohibition of the New York Pharmaceutical Conference, said that never in the history of pharmacy have there been so many drug stores in this city owned by persons who are not registered pharmacists.

## E. C. YELLOWLEY MAY GO TO HELP DRY UP CHICAGO

General Reorganization There  
Now on Foot.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Reorganization of the prohibition enforcement forces at Chicago is being perfected. Commissioner Haynes may make a personal survey of conditions in Chicago in the first part of December, it is said. Transfer of E. C. Yellowley, head of the mobile prohibition agents corps, from New York to Chicago with a view to repeating there the intensive drive against illegal liquor which he conducted in the Eastern city, is under consideration.

Reports from Chicago officials indicate that conditions there from the prohibition standpoint are on a par with those in New York before the assignment of the special forces to that city.

## BANDITS ARRESTED AND LOOT RECOVERED

Two of the Chelsea Robbers  
Taken by Police.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.  
BOSTON, Nov. 27.—Two of the automobile bandits who committed the sensational payroll robbery in Chelsea Saturday were arrested to-night by Boston police inspectors, who also recovered approximately \$20,000 of the stolen funds. The prisoners are James Luna, 24, Everett, confessed driver of the bandit motor car, and John Dubek, 31, also of Everett, in whose room the stolen money was found.

Coincident with their arrest the authorities discovered the bullet riddled car in which the robbers made their escape with their \$25,000 loot in a garage at Everett.

Luna was arrested in a lodging house in South Boston, where he had been in hiding since early morning, nursing a severe bullet wound in the right arm. According to the police the prisoner confessed that he drove the machine in which the bandits escaped and claimed that he had four confederates, whom he described as "bootleggers and miners." Two of them, he added, were members of the "Black Hand."

## METER CHARGES TO STAND.

Nullifying Order Does Not Apply  
in Westchester, It Is Said.

Francis A. Stratton of Mount Vernon, president of the Westchester Lighting Company, issued a statement last night in which he declared the decision of the Appellate Division for the Third Department, nullifying the service charges for gas meters levied by the Rochester Gas and Electric Company upon the people of Rochester, does not apply to Westchester county.

He also quoted an order of the Public Service Commission that until the decision of the appeal, in the Second Department, "the commission will not deem it to be its duty to treat the gas companies whose tariffs include a service charge as misdoers, nor as having incurred penalties."

This, it was said, puts a stop to a plan in Yonkers to start a campaign against payment of the service charges.

## NEW HOLDUP STARTS FRESH WAR BY REDS

Bitter Racial Fend Stirred  
Afresh Pending Sacco.  
Vanzetti Hearings.

## COVERS NEW ENGLAND

Native American Element  
Blames Foreigners for  
Wave of Lawlessness.

## MEAT FOR THE AGITATORS

Publicity Agents for Prisoners  
Keep Up Clamor for a  
New Trial.

## Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD.

BOSTON, Nov. 27.—The bitter racial feud which has spread through New England as a result of the controversy growing out of the conviction of Sacco and Vanzetti, Italian labor agitators, was further inflamed to-day by the daring holdup yesterday in Chelsea, where four bandits got away with the \$28,000 payroll of the A. G. Walton & Co. shoe factory.

Identical in almost every detail with the South Braintree holdup in which a paymaster and his guard were murdered and for which Sacco and Vanzetti are convicted with death as the penalty, the Chelsea crime has been seized upon by both sides in the controversy as new material to keep alive the conflict. It was the theme for mass meetings held to-day to protest against the conviction of Sacco and Vanzetti.

The only essential detail wherein the Chelsea holdup differs from that in South Braintree is that in the Chelsea case no one was killed. But in both bandits drove to a shoe factory in an automobile, engaged in a pistol battle with the men handling the weekly payroll and escaped with the money bag. The descriptions given by eyewitnesses of the Chelsea affair are almost the same as those given of the three bandits alleged to have been with Sacco and Vanzetti at Braintree. Even the old army coat worn by one of the gunmen was there. The plan was the same, the same skillful workmanship displayed.

## Foreign Anarchists Blamed.

While all the authorities, Federal, State and municipal, of half a dozen States are hunting for the Chelsea bandits, and the lawyers in the Sacco and Vanzetti case are making ready to proceed this week with their appeals in court for a new trial, the publicity agents are making the most of this new development.

The Boston defence committee, in a statement issued to-day, stated that the Chelsea holdup was unquestionably by the same band that committed the Braintree murder. It is cited as further proof that Sacco and Vanzetti were convicted because they were anarchists and not on the evidence presented in their trial. Making the sweeping charge that the Chelsea and Braintree holdups, like the others which have been committed throughout this section in recent months

to the terror of all business interests, are the work of "foreigners," those who are bitter in their denunciation of Sacco and Vanzetti charge that the crime wave is all the work of the "foreign anarchists."

It is this wholesale condemnation, heard on all sides, which has supplied the Sacco-Vanzetti campaigners with their new material. They are not slow to take advantage of the opening. They will make a new publicity drive with this racial hatred for their theme. The move has gained momentum overnight. The charge made heretofore through underground channels that Sacco and Vanzetti were convicted solely because they were Italians with radical beliefs is now to be made openly and spread throughout the world. Statements made by Fred Moore, counsel for the convicted men, in his demands for a new trial have been picked out for widespread circulation.

## Radicalism Chief Issue.

During the argument for a new trial Judge Webster Thayer asked Moore how the issue of radicalism was to be kept out, and the lawyer answered:

"I do not think it can be kept out, but because it cannot be that is the reason why the defendants should be debarred from a new trial? If an injury has been committed against the defendants does that debar them from a new trial because at a new trial it cannot be prevented? It becomes the duty of this commonwealth to give a new trial and upon that trial to take steps to safeguard the defence even if this issue is involved. It becomes a question whether the commonwealth and the judiciary have it within their power to protect the rights of the defendants."

"The issue of radicalism cannot be kept out of this case any more than the issue that the defendants were born in Italy can be kept out. They are Italians

and they are radicals. These two things are in this case body and bone and cannot be rooted out. If because of the mental slant of jurors it means that the jurors blind their eyes to the evidence and return verdicts against men that they would not return if not for those facts then there is but one court to which we can appeal."

"Not only are the defendants on trial but the administration of justice itself is on trial. That is the reason that international attention is focussed upon those who administer the law."

Mr. Moore declined to make any further statement on the subject, and said he could not discuss the case as long as it is before the courts.

As a result of the demonstrations held last week throughout the country demanding that Sacco and Vanzetti be given new trials, thousands of dollars were raised for the defence. The prisoners are assured ample funds to continue their fight.

## TRUCK DRIVERS MAY STRIKE.

Boston Men Demand 45 Hour  
Week Beginning January 1.

Boston, Nov. 27.—The local union of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, with a membership of 3,000 truck drivers, to-day authorized its conference committee to call a strike if necessary in contending for a nine-hour day and a five-day week in negotiations with employers for a new working agreement beginning January 1, next.

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